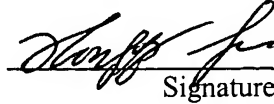


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 28, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.